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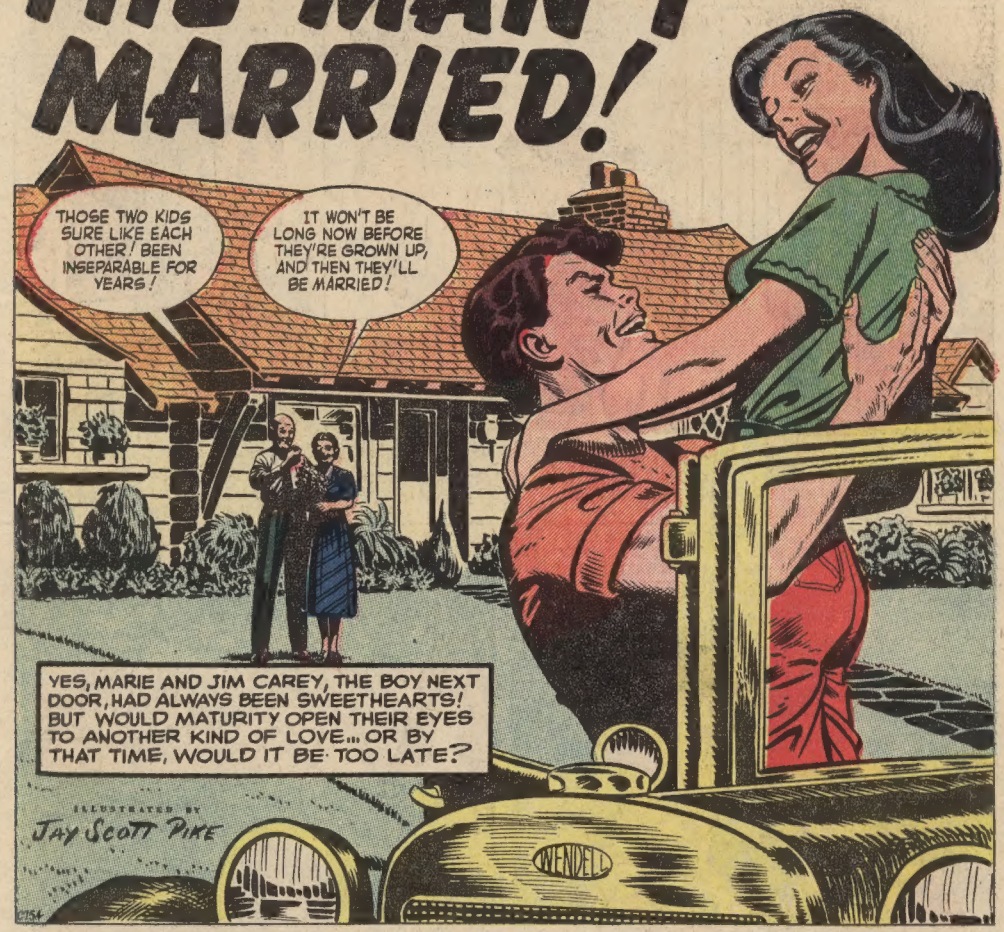
THE MAN I MARRIED!


THOSE TWO KIDS SURE LIKE EACH OTHER! BEEN INSEPARABLE FOR YEARS!
IT WON'T BE LONG NOW BEFORE THEY'RE GROWN UP, AND THEN THEY'LL BE MARRIED!
YES, MARIE AND JIM CAREY, THE BOY NEXT DOOR, HAD ALWAYS BEEN SWEETHEARTS! BUT WOULD MATURITY OPEN THEIR EYES TO ANOTHER KIND OF LOVE... OR BY THAT TIME, WOULD IT BE TOO LATE?
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ALL THE TOWN NODDED AND SMILED AT THE TWO YOUNGSTERS...
THOSE TWO YOUNGSTERS ARE SURE FOND OF EACH OTHER!
THEY HAVE BEEN EVER SINCE THEY WERE IN KIDDIE CLOTHES!
NOW PLAYING

THE YEARS PASSED AND THE TIME CAME WHEN JIM AND MARIE WERE TO BE MARRIED! OF COURSE, IT WAS NO SURPRISE TO ANYONE!
NEXT WEEK THIS TIME, WE'LL BE MAN AND WIFE!
I'VE WAITED FOR THAT MOMENT ALL MY LIFE!

THEY FOUND AN APARTMENT...THEY KNEW JUST WHAT THEY WANTED AND WHERE TO LOOK FOR IT...

WE ALWAYS PLANNED THAT WHEN WE WERE MARRIED WE'D RENT AN APARTMENT IN THIS BUILDING!

THE FURNISHING OF THE APARTMENT WAS NO PROBLEM EITHER...THEY KNEW EACH OTHER'S TASTES SO WELL...

HAVE THE FURNITURE DELIVERED TO THIS ADDRESS!

IT SURE IS A PLEASURE DEALING WITH PEOPLE WHO KNOW WHAT THEY WANT!

THEN THEY WERE MARRIED! THEY WEREN'T NERVOUS, EITHER ONE OF THEM...IT WAS REPEATING SCENES THAT THEY HAD GONE OVER IN THEIR OWN MINDS SO MANY TIMES BEFORE THROUGH THE YEARS...

I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU MAN AND WIFE!

AFTER THE CEREMONY, MARIE CHANGED INTO TRAVELING CLOTHES, AND THEY DROVE AWAY TO BEGIN THEIR HONEYMOON! THEY KNEW THE ROUTE BY HEART FROM THEIR TIMES OF PLANNING...

AFTER OUR HONEYMOON, WE'LL BOTH KEEP ON WORKING AS WE PLANNED, JIM, DEAR!

RIGHT! AND WE'LL SAVE EVERY CENT WE CAN AND SOME DAY WE'LL BE ABLE TO BUILD THAT LITTLE HOUSE WE PLANNED!

ON THEIR HONEYMOON, THEY DIDN'T DISCOVER MUCH THAT WAS NEW ABOUT EACH OTHER! THEY'D KNOWN EACH OTHER SO WELL, SO LONG, EACH WAS AWARE OF THE OTHER'S WHIM AND WANTS...

EVERYTHING IS JUST AS I ***DREAMED*** IT WOULD BE... QUIET, SWEET...

THEN THE WEEK HAD PASSED, AND THEY RETURNED TO THEIR LITTLE APARTMENT...

HERE WE ARE, DARLING ...BACK IN OUR LITTLE "LOVE NEST"!

I'M SO ***HAPPY***, JIM! I HOPE WE'LL ***ALWAYS*** BE THIS HAPPY!

AND MARIE RETURNED TO HER JOB...

AND WHILE YOU WERE AWAY ON YOUR HONEYMOON, OLD MR. EVARTS WAS TRANSFERRED TO MILWAUKEE AND WE'VE GOT A NEW BOSS... PAUL ROSS...

THAT'S HIM NOW! ISN'T HE SOMETHING?
HE IS HANDSOME!
MANAG
YOU MUST BE MRS. CAREY WHO WAS AWAY ON HER HONEYMOON WHEN I TOOK OVER HERE! WELCOME BACK! YOU'LL CONTINUE AS MY SECRETARY AS YOU WERE WITH MR. EVARTS!
THANK YOU, MR. ROSS!
THAT EVENING IN THE CAREY'S APARTMENT, JIM AND MARIE TALKED ABOUT THEIR JOBS...
AND THE NEW MANAGER, MR. ROSS, SEEMS VERY NICE!
THERE'VE BEEN CHANGES AT MY OFFICE, TOO! MY SECRETARY QUIT WHILE I WAS AWAY! I HIRED A NEW GIRL, HELEN MARSH!
I HOPE SHE ISN'T AS MUCH OF A SOUR-PUSS AS THE OTHER ONE YOU HAD!
AS A MATTER OF FACT, THIS NEW GIRL IS QUITE YOUNG AND PRETTY!
PAUL ROSS WAS A CHARMING MAN, AS MARIE LEARNED IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED!
FROM THE LETTERS YOU DICTATE, IT WOULD SEEM THAT YOU'VE BEEN TO MANY OF THESE FOREIGN COUNTRIES WHERE OUR COMPANY SHIPS GOODS!
YES, I'VE TRAVELED AROUND QUITE A BIT, TO MY REGRET!
I WISH I HAD QUIT TRAVELING AND COME TO THIS OFFICE SOONER... BEFORE YOU WERE MARRIED, MARIE! PERHAPS THEN THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN A CHANCE FOR ME!
PLEASE... I'M MARRIED!
I KNOW! THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT SO TOUGH! YOU'RE LOVELY, MARIE! PERHAPS MY TRAVELS WERE REALLY JUST A SEARCH... A SEARCH FOR A GIRL LIKE YOU! I KNOW THERE'S NO HOPE FOR ME NOW, BUT I WANTED YOU TO KNOW HOW I FEEL!
I'M MARRIED, AND I LOVE MY HUSBAND!

THAT NIGHT MARIE COULDN'T SLEEP! SHE COULDN'T GET THE THOUGHT OF PAUL ROSS OUT OF HER MIND...AND THE WORDS SHE HAD UTTERED SEEMED TO SHOUT OUT AT HER..."I LOVE MY HUSBAND!"

IF I REALLY LOVED JIM, WOULD I BE ATTRACTED TO PAUL AS I AM? MAYBE WHAT JIM AND I THOUGHT WAS LOVE WAS JUST A CASE OF PUPPY LOVE EXTENDED INTO MATURITY?

PERHAPS WHAT WE THOUGHT WAS LOVE WAS JUST AN IDEA IMPLANTED OVER THE YEARS BY OUR CLOSENESS...BECAUSE EVERYONE ELSE THOUGHT WE WERE IN LOVE, WE DID, TOO!

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? NOW I'M SURE I DON'T LOVE JIM... THAT I LOVE PAUL! BUT HOW CAN I TELL JIM? I CAN'T BEAR THE THOUGHT OF HURTING HIM, YET I CAN'T GO ON LIVING WITH A MAN I DON'T LOVE!

I THOUGHT I HEARD YOU GET UP! I CAN'T SLEEP, EITHER!

THEY SAT THERE WITHOUT SPEAKING, AVOIDING EACH OTHER'S EYES! THEN MARIE SPOKE...

JIM, I...I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU SOMETHING! PLEASE DON'T BE ANGRY...TRY TO UNDERSTAND!

IS IT ABOUT...OUR MARRIAGE?

YES, JIM! I-I THINK WE'VE MADE A MISTAKE!

YES, MARIE, I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN! I'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET UP COURAGE ENOUGH FOR A WEEK TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT IT...BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO HURT YOU!

YOU MEAN YOU FEEL THE SAME WAY, TOO? JIM, HOW DID YOU COME TO REALIZE IT?

MY SECRETARY...YOU REMEMBER THE NEW GIRL I HIRED...HELEN MARSH? I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH HER! I GUESS IF THAT COULD HAPPEN, THEN I CAN'T BE IN LOVE WITH YOU!

THE SAME THING HAPPENED TO ME...MY BOSS, PAUL ROSS! WE WERE REALLY PUSHED INTO MARRIAGE, JIM, BY EVERYONE WE KNOW TELLING US WE WERE IN LOVE! WE BELIEVED IT! WE'VE MADE A MISTAKE!
BUT IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO CORRECT IT!

YOU'RE WONDERFUL, JIM! WE CAN CORRECT IT! WE'LL GET A DIVORCE!
YOU'RE WONDERFUL, TOO! THE APARTMENT IS PAID FOR A MONTH IN ADVANCE! I'LL TAKE ANOTHER APARTMENT...

BUT NEITHER WISHED TO STAY IN THE APARTMENT THEY HAD PICKED AND FURNISHED SO LOVINGLY! THEY SEPARATED, AND PENDING THE DIVORCE, EACH MOVED INTO A SEPARATE APARTMENT...

PAUL, JIM AND I ARE SEPARATING...WE'LL BE DIVORCED AS SOON AS THE PAPERS COME THROUGH!
MARIE! I NEVER HOPED SUCH A THING WOULD HAPPEN! IS THERE A CHANCE FOR ME NOW?

HE KISSED HER THEN...THE ONLY MAN WHO HAD EVER KISSED HER IN THAT WAY EXCEPT JIM... AND IT FELT STRANGE TO MARIE...STRANGE AND EXCITING!

THEY WERE TOGETHER CONSTANTLY FROM THEN ON...DANCING, DINING...AND WHEN THE FIRST EDGE OF THIS NEW EXCITEMENT HAD WORN OFF, MARIE BEGAN COMPARING PAUL TO JIM...

THEN, ONE NIGHT, IN A RESTAURANT SHE SAW JIM, WITH HELEN MARSH, AND SOMETHING HAPPENED INSIDE HER...

SHE WALKED THROUGH THE NIGHT, NOT CARING WHERE, AND HER HEART AND MIND WERE CHAOS!
SEEING JIM WITH HER WAS LIKE A STAB IN THE HEART! PAUL ISN'T THE MAN JIM IS, AND I DON'T LOVE HIM! I KNOW THAT NOW! I LOVE JIM... ALWAYS HAVE... JUST AS I THOUGHT I HAD ALL THOSE YEARS! BUT HOW COULD I HAVE MADE SUCH A HORRIBLE MISTAKE?
AND THEN SHE BEGAN TO UNDERSTAND...
ALL THOSE YEARS WE WENT WITH EACH OTHER... NEVER GAVE OURSELVES A CHANCE TO FIND OUT IF WE COULD LOVE SOMEONE ELSE! WE SHOULD HAVE GIVEN OURSELVES THAT CHANCE... THEN I'D HAVE KNOWN HOW MUCH I LOVE JIM, AND THIS WOULD NEVER HAVE HAPPENED!
BUT JIM LOVES THAT OTHER GIRL! IT'S TOO LATE NOW FOR ANYTHING BUT TEARS!
SHE LOOKED ABOUT HER! UNCONSCIOUSLY, HER WANDERING HAD CARRIED HER TO A PLACE ASSOCIATED WITH HER AND JIM BEFORE THEIR BREAK-UP...
THE APARTMENT BUILDING... THE APARTMENT JIM AND I RENTED WHEN WE WERE MARRIED! I STILL HAVE THE KEY... IT WAS PAID FOR A MONTH IN ADVANCE!
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EARL APTS.
SHE WENT UP! SHE WANTED TO BE CLOSE TO THE HAPPINESS SHE HADN'T APPRECIATED... CLOSE TO THE PLACE WHERE TRUE LOVE HAD LIVED...
JIM!
MARIE! I-I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D COME HERE AGAIN!
AFTER I SAW YOU AT THE RESTAURANT AND YOU LEFT, I LEFT, TOO! I CAME HERE BECAUSE... WELL, BECAUSE IT MAKES ME FEEL CLOSER TO YOU! I KNOW IT'S TOO LATE, BUT ...MARIE I'VE BEEN A FOOL! I LOVE YOU, TERRIBLY, BUT IT TOOK THIS EXPERIENCE TO MAKE ME REALIZE IT!
BOTH OF US HAVE BEEN FOOLS, JIM DARLING... BLIND, BLIND FOOLS!
THEY CAME INTO EACH OTHER'S ARMS THEN, NOT SEEING CLEARLY THROUGH THE MISTINESS OF HAPPY TEARS! BUT THEIR HEARTS SAW THAT WHAT HAD HAPPENED WAS NECESSARY FOR THEIR COMPLETE HAPPINESS AND LOVE IN THE YEARS AHEAD... AND THEIR HEARTS WERE GLAD!
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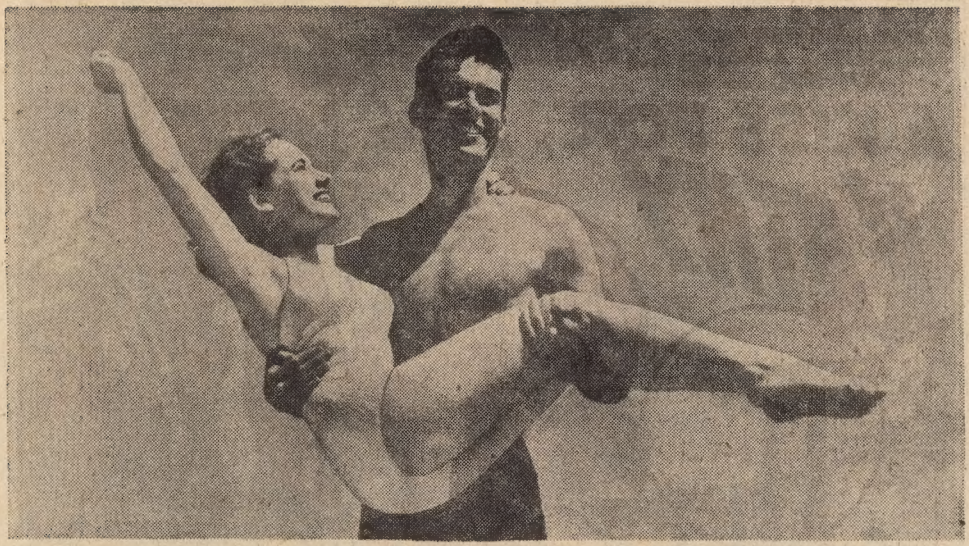

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A KISS FOR KATHY

HERE'S A ROMANCE THAT WILL TUG AT YOUR HEART... BECAUSE IT ACTUALLY HAPPENED TO ONE OF OUR READERS... IT CAN HAPPEN TO *YOU!*

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KATHY, I HEARD YOU REFUSE TO GO OUT WITH THAT NICE BOY WHO WALKED YOU HOME FROM THE MILL! IF YOU KEEP DOING THINGS LIKE THAT YOU'LL END UP AN OLD MAID!

I'D RATHER BE AN OLD MAID, MOTHER ....THAN MARRY A MAN WHO WORKS IN A MILL!

OH, IS THAT SO? WELL I MARRIED A MAN WHO WORKS IN A MILL... *YOUR FATHER!* THEY DON'T COME BETTER THAN HIM!

I KNOW, MOTHER...IT'S JUST THAT A MAN IN COVERALLS SMEARED WITH OIL AND SWEAT IS NOT MY IDEA OF THE KIND OF MAN I WANT TO MARRY! I'VE TOLD YOU A THOUSAND TIMES... AND I *STILL* MEAN IT!

NO, NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES MOTHER AND I DISCUSSED THE SUBJECT, SHE DIDN'T CHANGE MY MIND ONE BIT!

THIS IS THE KIND OF MAN I WANT...THE KIND EVERY GIRL DREAMS OF GETTING! A MAN WHO'S WELL-DRESSED...WHO'S GOT MANNERS...A MAN WHO KNOWS HOW TO TREAT A GIRL! HOW CAN ANY OF THOSE MILL WORKERS KNOW ABOUT THINGS LIKE THAT? I'LL MEET THE RIGHT MAN SOMEDAY... I KNOW I WILL!

AND I DID...EVERY NIGHT IN MY DREAMS I WAS HELD, HUGGED AND KISSED BY THE KIND OF MAN I WANTED TO MARRY...

BUT AT 6 O'CLOCK EVERY MORNING, MY DREAM WAS FRIGHTENED AWAY BY THE FURIOUS BR-R-RING BR-R-RING OF MY ALARM CLOCK...AND I ONCE AGAIN FACED THE DISMAL REAL WORLD OF THE MILL AND THE MILL WORKERS...

HI, KATHY! YOU SHOULD'VE TAKEN THAT DATE WITH STAN LAST NIGHT! HE ASKED MARY AFTER YOU REFUSED, AND I WENT WITH CHUCK! WE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME!

YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT DATING FELLOWS WHO WORK HERE, DOTTY! I'D RATHER STAY HOME!

BUT YOU'RE BEING FOOLISH, KATHY! THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THEM JUST BECAUSE THEY WORK IN A MILL! ONCE THEY WASH OFF THE OIL AND DIRT THEY'RE JUST LIKE ANY OTHER MAN...AND LOTS OF FUN!

THEY MAY BE LOTS OF FUN... BUT THEY'RE ***NOT*** LIKE OTHER MEN! I CAN TELL BY THE WAY A MAN DRESSES, THE WAY HE ACTS, THE WAY HE TREATS A GIRL WHETHER HE WORKS IN A MILL OR NOT! THERE'S A DIFFERENCE...ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD ...THAT'S WHY I'LL NEVER DATE A FELLOW WHO WORKS IN A MILL!

BUT ABOUT A WEEK LATER, THAT "NEVER" HAD SUDDENLY COME TO AN END...

HI! I'M JOE...THE NEW LOOM FIXER! WHICH LOOM'S GIVIN' YOU TROUBLE?

OH-H...HELLO, JOE ...I'M KATHY... THIS IS THE LOOM... THE NUMBER TWO SHUTTLE KEEPS JUMPING OUT!

AFTER HE FINISHED FIXING MY LOOM, HE SMILED AND WALKED OFF TO HIS NEXT JOB...AND I WATCHED HIM... MY HEART THUMPING WILDLY BENEATH MY SWEATER...

MAYBE MOM AND THE GIRLS ARE RIGHT! MAYBE SOME OF THESE MILL FELLOWS ARE OKAY! I... I'VE NEVER BEEN OUT WITH ONE...SO MAYBE I SHOULD AT LEAST TRY A DATE...

YES, I THINK I WILL... IF ***HE*** ASKS ME!

IT HAPPENED A LOT SOONER THAN I HAD HOPED OR EXPECTED! JOE ASKED ME TO GO OUT WITH HIM THAT WEEK END...TO CELEBRATE HIS FIRST PAY...

IS *THIS* THE SAME GIRL I ASKED FOR A DATE? I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU WITHOUT YOUR WORK CLOTHES!

AND I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU WITHOUT OIL ON YOUR FACE OR IN ANYTHING BUT COVERALLS! HM-M-M ...THE CHANGE IS QUITE SATISFACTORY!

WELL, WHAT'LL IT BE, KATHY...THE MOVIES ...DANCING...OR A RIDE?

I'D LIKE TO SEE THE PICTURE AT THE EMBASSY, BUT IT'S SUCH A BEAUTIFUL EVENING!

JOE HAD THE PERFECT SOLUTION ...WE WENT TO THE MOVIES...

AFTER THAT WE WENT DANCING...

THEN FOR A DRIVE...

AND THEN FOR SOME HOT PIZZA AND ROOT BEER AT LUIGI'S...

IT WAS A PERFECT EVENING UNTIL WE GOT HOME...

AW, COME ON, KATHY...JUST ONE LI'L KISS!

NO, PLEASE, JOE...DON'T! THIS IS OUR FIRST DATE AND...

SUDDENLY, HE PULLED ME TO HIM AND HIS LIPS CRUSHED DOWN ON MINE...

OW-W!

I TOLD YOU NOT TO DO THAT, JOE...NOW YOU'VE SPOILED EVERYTHING!

WHEN I GOT TO THE MILL THE FOLLOWING MORNING, ALL THE GIRLS WERE WAITING TO HEAR ABOUT MY DATE...
WELL, KATHY, GIVE US THE DETAILS! I'LL BET YOUR DATE WITH JOE CHANGED YOUR MIND ABOUT FELLOWS WHO WORK IN THE MILL, HUH? WHEN'S YOUR NEXT DATE?
NEVER! NOT WITH A FELLOW WHO WORKS IN A MILL! SURE...JOE LOOKED LIKE ANY OTHER GUY WHEN HE GOT THE OIL OFF AND CHANGED INTO A WHITE SHIRT AND SUIT...AND HE ACTED LIKE A HUMAN BEING...UNTIL HE TOOK ME HOME...THEN HE TURNED INTO A BEAST!
OKAY, SO JOE DIDN'T TURN OUT SO GOOD...BUT HE'S ONE IN A THOUSAND! THERE'RE BUMS EVEN AMONG THE SO-CALLED "GENTLEMEN" YOU'RE ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT! DON'T JUDGE ALL THE FELLOWS BY ONE STINKER! TRY ANOTHER DATE!
THE MILL FELLOWS ARE ALL ALIKE! FROM NOW ON, I STAY HOME... OR GO OUT AND PAY FOR MY OWN MOVIE!
AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I DID FOR MONTHS AFTER...EVEN THE GIRLS FROM THE MILL WENT OUT WITH FELLOWS WHO WORKED THERE AND FOUND LOVE! THERE WAS A ROMANCE FOR ROSIE...
THERE WAS AN ENGAGEMENT RING FOR ETHEL...
AND THERE WAS A WEDDING FOR WANDA...
SURE, I WAS ENVIOUS...I WANTED DATES TOO...AND AN ENGAGEMENT RING...AND A WEDDING...BUT NOT WITH A MILL WORKER...
KATHY, THE FELLA I'VE BEEN TELLIN' YOU ABOUT ON THE NIGHT SHIFT AT THE MILL IS COMIN' TO SEE ME! I THOUGHT THAT MAYBE YOU COULD SORTA GO OUT AFTER WE'RE THRU TALKIN'!
THANKS, POP...BUT I'D RATHER GO OUT ALONE! I'M GOING TO THE ROLLER DROME! I'LL BE BACK EARLY!
MAYBE ALL THESE TRIPS DOWN HERE ARE A WASTE OF TIME! BUT THERE'S ALWAYS LOTS OF FELLOWS HERE!
AND WHO KNOWS? IF I KEEP COMING, I MAY MEET A NICE...
WHAT THE..?!
OH-H-H!
POW

I'M SORRY! I WAS TRYING OUT SOME FANCY STUFF AND WASN'T WATCHING WHERE I WAS GOING! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
Y-YES... I...THINK SO!
IT WASN'T THE SHOCK OF THE FALL WHICH MADE ME UNCERTAIN... IT WAS HIS HANDSOME FACE SO CLOSE TO MINE WHEN HE PICKED ME UP! WE INTRODUCED OURSELVES...AND THEN HE SPENT THE ENTIRE EVENING SKATING WITH ME...
GOSH, CLOSING TIME ALREADY? IT SEEMS LIKE WE'VE ONLY BEEN AROUND THE FLOOR ONCE OR TWICE!
AND I HAVEN'T EVEN ASKED IF I COULD WALK YOU HOME! MAY I?
THAT WAS THE SECOND WISH COME TRUE THAT EVENING! AND WHEN HE TOOK ME HOME, I MADE A THIRD WISH... THAT HE WOULDN'T TRY TO KISS ME...AND PROVE THAT HE WAS DIFFERENT FROM A MILL FELLOW...
THANKS FOR A WONDERFUL EVENING, KATHY! GOOD NIGHT...AND I'LL GIVE YOU A CALL SOON!
YES... DO! GOOD NIGHT, FRANK!
SO THERE! IT WAS TRUE! THERE WAS A DIFFERENCE! AND WHEN FRANK CALLED ME A WEEK LATER I ACCEPTED HIS DATE...AND MANY, MANY MORE AFTER THAT...
YOU KNOW WHAT THAT BUILDING IS, DON'T YOU, KATHY?
YES, FRANK...IT'S THE WOOLEN MILL! IT MUST BE AWFUL TO WORK IN A PLACE LIKE THAT! THE MEN LOOK SO ROUGH AND DIRTY! I'D NEVER MARRY A MAN WHO WORKED IN A MILL!
I SAID THAT BECAUSE I MEANT IT... AND ALSO TO COVER UP THE FACT THAT I WORKED THERE! I WAS SURE THAT FRANK WOULD STOP SEEING ME IF HE KNEW I WAS NOTHING BUT A MILL WORKER...
BUT NOW I WAS A HAPPY MILL WORKER... AND ALL THE GIRLS NOTICED THE CHANGE...
SO WHO'S THE MYSTERY MAN WHO'S PUT THAT GLEAM IN YOUR EYES LATELY, KATHY? ANYBODY WE KNOW?
NOPE...JUST A HANDSOME HUNK OF HUMANITY THAT'S A-1 PERFECT! YOU'LL NEVER FIND HIS TYPE IN A MILL! HE'S SMART, HE'S A GENTLEMAN ...AND I'M IN LOVE WITH HIM! SOMEDAY I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO A MAN WHO'S A MAN!
SOMEDAY'LL BE NEXT SATURDAY, KATHY! THAT'S THE DATE OF THE YEARLY MILL DANCE! YOU'LL BRING HIM AND GIVE US A PEEK AT WHAT'S GOT YOUR HEART THUMPIN', HUH?
YOU...YOU MEAN BRING FRANK TO THE MILL DANCE? OH, I DON'T THINK HE'D CARE TO COME!
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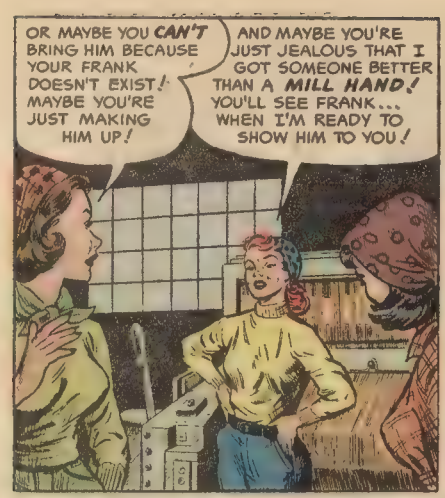
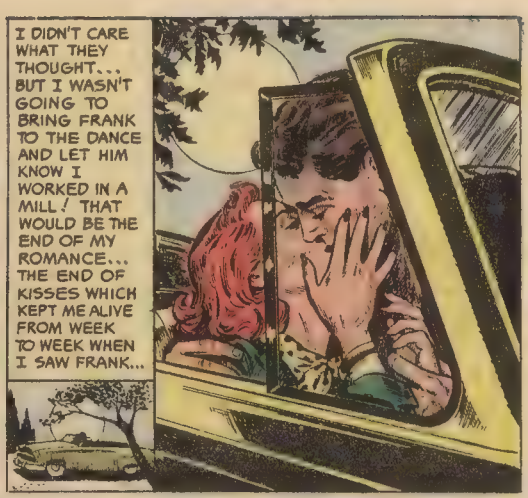
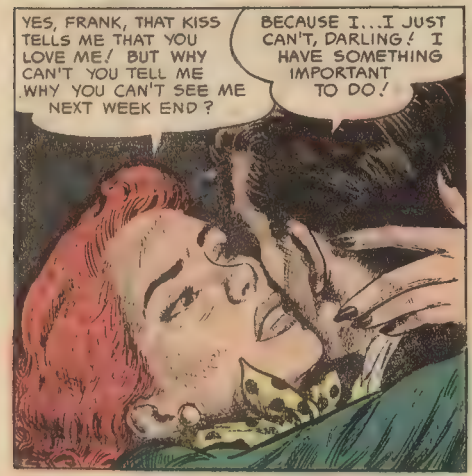
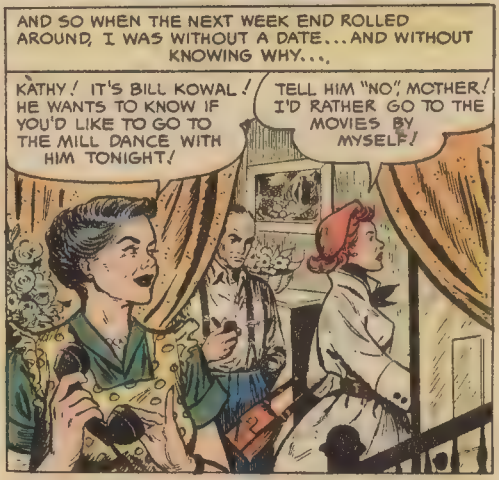
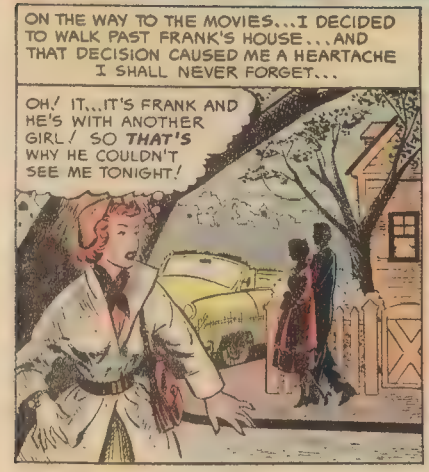

OR MAYBE YOU CAN'T BRING HIM BECAUSE YOUR FRANK DOESN'T EXIST! MAYBE YOU'RE JUST MAKING HIM UP!
AND MAYBE YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS THAT I GOT SOMEONE BETTER THAN A MILL HAND! YOU'LL SEE FRANK... WHEN I'M READY TO SHOW HIM TO YOU!


I DIDN'T CARE WHAT THEY THOUGHT... BUT I WASN'T GOING TO BRING FRANK TO THE DANCE AND LET HIM KNOW I WORKED IN A MILL! THAT WOULD BE THE END OF MY ROMANCE... THE END OF KISSES WHICH KEPT ME ALIVE FROM WEEK TO WEEK WHEN I SAW FRANK...


YES, FRANK, THAT KISS TELLS ME THAT YOU LOVE ME! BUT WHY CAN'T YOU TELL ME WHY YOU CAN'T SEE ME NEXT WEEK END?
BECAUSE I...I JUST CAN'T, DARLING! I HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO DO!


AND SO WHEN THE NEXT WEEK END ROLLED AROUND, I WAS WITHOUT A DATE... AND WITHOUT KNOWING WHY...
KATHY! IT'S BILL KOWAL! HE WANTS TO KNOW IF YOU'D LIKE TO GO TO THE MILL DANCE WITH HIM TONIGHT!
TELL HIM "NO", MOTHER! I'D RATHER GO TO THE MOVIES BY MYSELF!


ON THE WAY TO THE MOVIES...I DECIDED TO WALK PAST FRANK'S HOUSE...AND THAT DECISION CAUSED ME A HEARTACHE I SHALL NEVER FORGET...
OH! IT...IT'S FRANK AND HE'S WITH ANOTHER GIRL! SO THAT'S WHY HE COULDN'T SEE ME TONIGHT!

MEN! THEY'RE ALL ALIKE! BUT IF HE CAN GO OUT AND HAVE A GOOD TIME... THEN SO CAN I!

I WENT BACK HOME AND GOT ON THE TELEPHONE...
YES, BILL, I'M ASKING YOU! NEVER MIND WHAT MADE ME CHANGE MY MIND! DO YOU STILL WANT TO TAKE ME TO THE MILL DANCE OR NOT? ALL RIGHT! I'LL BE READY IN HALF AN HOUR!
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I FOUGHT BACK THE TEARS AS I DRESSED! I WAS DETERMINED TO HAVE A GOOD TIME THAT NIGHT NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENED! AND WHEN BILL CALLED FOR ME I WAS GAY, GLAMOROUS, AND RARIN' TO GO...
WOW! YOU'RE DYNAMITE TONIGHT, KATHY! EVERY GUY AT THE DANCE WILL BE CUTTIN' IN ON ME!
THE MORE THE MERRIER, BILL! LET'S GO!
THE DANCE FLOOR WAS JAMMED WHEN WE GOT THERE...AND WE ADDED TO THE CONGESTION AND CONFUSION BY SWINGING OUT WITH A WILD JITTERBUG VERSION OF THE SAMBA...THEN...
SWING AN' STING, KATHY!
OHHHH!
SORRY...MY FAULT!
THAT VOICE...IT WAS FAMILIAR...IT WAS...
FRANK! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
KATHY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I-I WORK AT THE MILL!
I-I WORK AT THE MILL!
YOU... YOU DO?
YOU...YOU DO?
YES!
YES!
WE ASKED THE SAME QUESTIONS AND GAVE THE SAME ANSWERS! BUT THEN I ASKED THE NEXT QUESTION ALONE AND MY HEART STOOD STILL FOR THE ANSWER...
BUT...BUT THE GIRL I... I SAW YOU WITH...
MY BEST GIRL...MY MOTHER! SHE WORKS AT THE MILL TOO!
I'M A LOOM-FIXER ON THE NIGHT SHIFT! I DIDN'T ASK YOU TO COME TO THE DANCE BECAUSE I KNEW THE WAY YOU FELT ABOUT MILL WORKERS!
OH, FRANK! I MADE SUCH A MESS OF EVERYTHING! I WAS SO WRONG TO JUDGE ALL THE FELLOWS AT THE MILL BY THE ACTIONS OF ONE BAD APPLE! PLEASE FORGIVE ME!
HE DID, AND IN THE NICEST WAY...FORGIVENESS WITH... A KISS FOR KATHY!
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I WAS just a private secretary to the man with whom I wanted to share my private life. It didn't ever occur to the Hollywood producer, Alex Reid, that his secretary might be quite human and quite in love with him. I was only "the best secretary in the world," and he said i almost every morning—especially when he was in a scrape like the time Cy Larkin, the columnist, made a romance of a date Alex had with his new star, Frances Cortleigh.

"Get him on the phone, Julie girl. He's pulled the string this time."

"I'll handle him," I said, "you only give him more copy for his column."

He looked cute as he sighed, "What would I do if I didn't have you, Julie?"

"I often wonder, Alex," I said.

"Meaning just what?" he asked.

"Nothing, Alex, nothing important," I passed.

"Of course, I have it!" he shouted. "I've been such a blind fool."

My heart doubled its tempo in anticipation.

But he dashed everything in me with, "I've never realized you might leave me to get married. Is there a man?"

"I may be a good secretary, Alex," I said, "but I'd be an awful flop as a wife. No, there isn't any man."

"I can't imagine you being anything but a perfect wife, Julie dear," he added, "but I am relieved to know that I still have my wonderful secretary."

"Well, let your wonderful secretary try to get you and Miss Cortleigh out of that newspaper wedding," I said. As I left his office I told him," Miss Cortleigh would like you to call her immediately."

The columnist wasn't difficult to smooth over, but when he told me that he was going to print the story about the torch Alex was supposedly carrying for his ex-fiancée, Amanda Shockley, I became upset and slammed down the receiver.

Alex came to the door of my office and asked, "Is that idiot going to retract?"

"Yes, Alex. He said he'd do that, but he also said he was going to spread word around that you're still in love with Amanda!"

I waited for some denial, but he only shrugged his shoulders and went into his office. However Alex wasn't his usual alert self the rest of the day and I presumed Larkin's comment about him and Amanda Shockley had struck something soft.

Just before five o'clock Alex raced out of his office into mine, grabbed my hand and as we started toward the elevator he shouted, "Julie, I have to think, let's take a long drive."

Just after we pulled out of the city traffic, Alex told me that Frances Cortleigh was hurt by all the bad publicity and wanted to go back home to family and fiancé. Even that piece of trouble soon disappeared as we sped along the highway.

"Let's keep it all simple today, Julie," Alex said.

"Meaning what, Alex?"

"We ought to stop and have a hot dog at the nearest stand."

It was a little while before we pulled into one of those lavish, crowded Hollywood drive-in eating places. Just as the car hop had completed taking our orders, I spotted glamorous Amanda Shockley walking toward our car.

"Alex, Alex darling," she purred, "how wonderful to see you again."

"Hello Amanda," was all that Alex could muster up under the circumstances.

"Have you seen Larkin's column, Alex," she added as she fingered his coat lapel, "he seems to have given us the green light again."

"Yes, and I'd like to talk about that to you," Alex said almost sharply.

"Darling, you know I'd love to have you talk to me any time, so why not come back in my convertible?"

Alex's face showed very clearly that he was in a corner. He attempted to salvage something by introducing us. "Amanda, this is Julie Rice, my secretary—Julie, Amanda Shockley, the actress."

Amanda looked intently at Alex and then turned to me, saying, "I'm afraid there's just room in my car for two, Miss Rice . . . I have so much luggage left in the back from my trip

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Alex looked at me rather sickly but I saved him the trouble and told him, "That's all right, Alex, I'll take the car back into town and see you in the morning."

That night I couldn't stop crying for what seemed like an eternity. Once the telephone rang insistantly, but I would not answer it. I was trying to get some sleep, but this being hopeless, I put my robe on and started out to the kitchen to heat some milk. The doorbell rang. "Who is it?" I called.

"Alex! Open the door, Julie!"

I opened the door and asked, "What are you doing here at this time of the morning?"

"What do you think *I'm* doing? I've been trying to phone you all night. I've been worried crazy, Julie. Why didn't you answer the phone if you were in?"

"I appreciate your concern Alex, but I'm certainly capable of taking care of myself."

"I know you're capable," he shouted angrily, "but are you human?"

"Are you?" I countered back at him.

There was a pause in which we could have easily committed one of two extremes—murder or marriage. Suddenly he leaned down and pressed his lips to mine. Then he drew back and shouted, "It'll be a great day when you break down. Good night, Julie."

I was still feeling his kiss when he left. I could still feel it when I finally woke up an hour late the next morning, just in time to answer the phone. It was Alex. "I'm sorry," I said. "I overslept, I'll dress and be right down."

"I was afraid you'd given me notice after last night. I'm sorry, Julie."

"Forget it, Alex."

I wasn't embarrassed when I arrived but Alex seemed to be. He had ordered breakfast for me. "I figured you didn't stop for it."

"Thanks, Alex, it was very sweet of you."

The phone rang but Alex got there before I did. "All right," he said to the receptionist, "send her in."

Then he turned to me. "No calls for me today, Julie, I'm out of town." A moment later Amanda walked into his office without so much as a good morning. She finally left several hours later and Alex came into my office. "Julie," he said, "I'm driving Amanda up into the mountains. Her studio doesn't care for the Larkin story and has taken her off the new picture she was supposed to have started. The poor girl is on the verge of a nervous collapse. Maybe I am, too, so you might as well take a few days off your-

self."

"But why run away, Alex. Amanda can get up to the mountains with one of her friends, can't she?"

"A fine lot of friends they've turned out to be when Amanda needs them. No, we're leaving right away and I'll see you Monday," he said as he shut the door.

By Monday Amanda Shockley might be Mrs. Alex Reid. This was no time to sit down and try to fill the boss's shoes while he was gone, I thought. And this was going to be my last chance to prove that I was the one to bring him his slippers at the fireside.

I went back to my apartment and packed a few things to take to the beach. Then I wrote a letter to Alex telling him that I had finally met *that* man and that I was going to leave him. I told him that I was sure he would understand. I mailed it as soon as I arrived at the beach. Then I went back to my room and waited to find out whether or not I was more than just a private secretary.

Saturday and Sunday were miserably quiet, even though I knew Alex wouldn't have the note until early Monday morning. I had both early meals sent up to my room Monday and the phone was still deathly silent. I was heartbroken at the thought of losing Alex Reid, but I didn't lose hope. I dressed and came down for dinner.

I was just finishing my tomato juice when two strong arms held me from behind. "Did madame wish a secretary."

"Alex," I almost screamed.

"Not so loud, that young man of yours might be listening. Where is he anyway?"

"I'm afraid I've tricked you Alex," I confessed. "There is no man."

"There has to be. I drove down here for a wedding and I don't intend to be disappointed. You love me and I love you and, besides, it's the only way I know of keeping the most perfect secretary in the world. Julie Rice, will you marry me?"

"When did you find out that you loved me, Alex Reid?"

"Have you ever gone through a week-end without your right arm?"

"Yes," I said, "I've just finished one."

Then Alex put his right hand out and met mine across the table. He slowly slipped onto my finger the most beautiful ring I had ever seen.

I smiled as I said, "You'll do anything for copy space in Cy Larkin's column, won't you, Alex?"

"Not as long as you're squeezed into print with me, darling."

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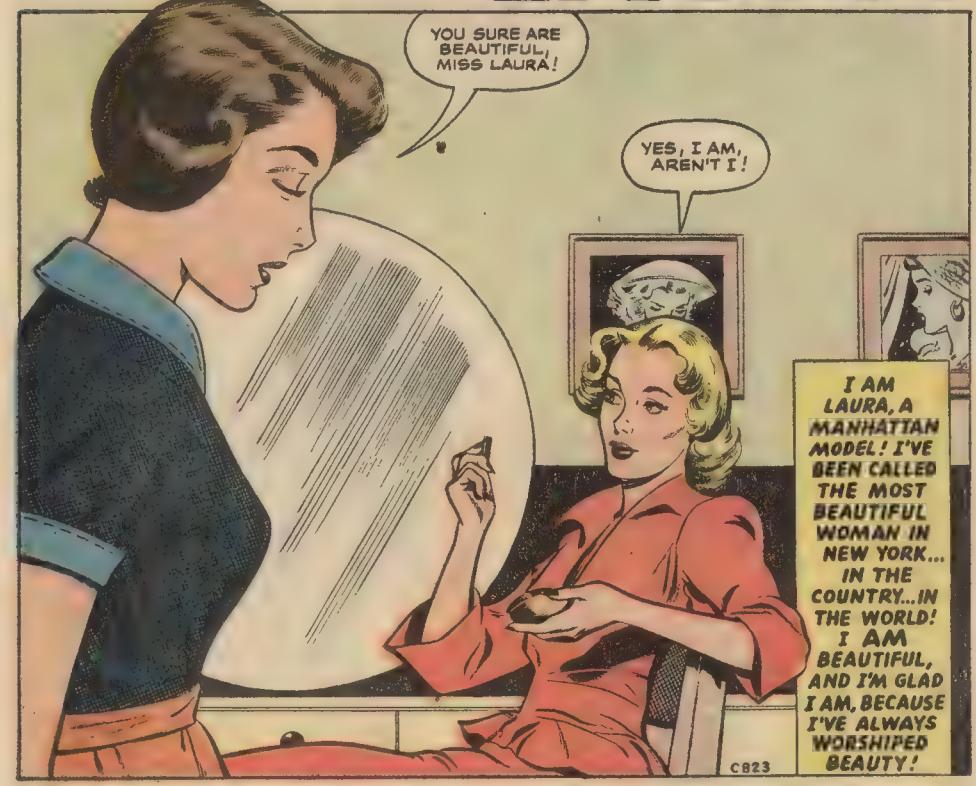
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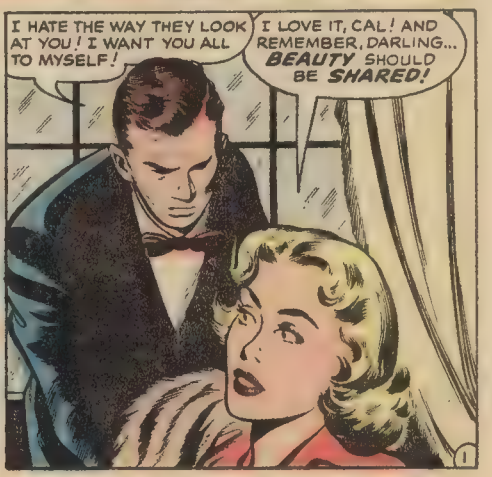

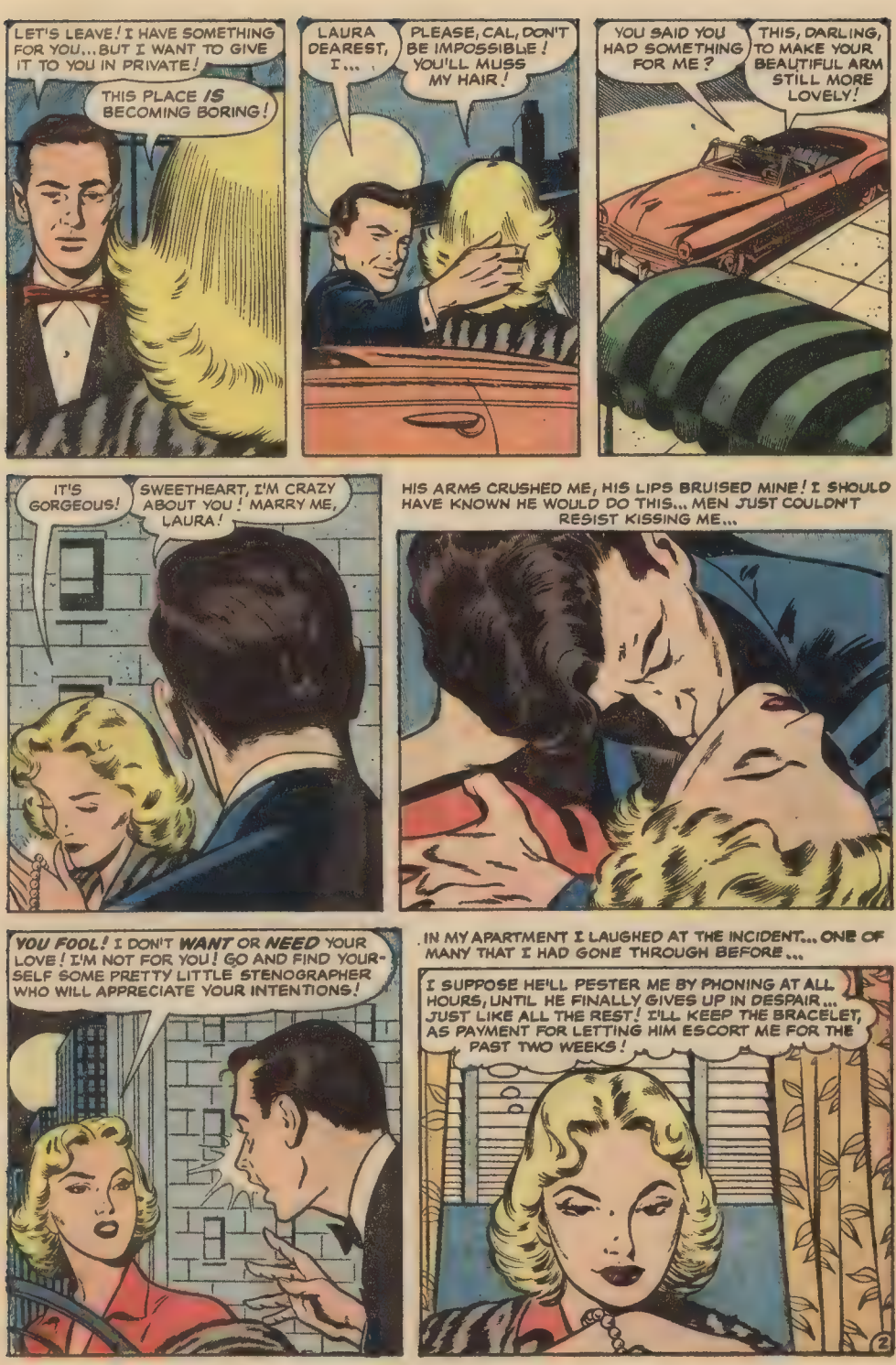
LET'S LEAVE! I HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU... BUT I WANT TO GIVE IT TO YOU IN PRIVATE!
THIS PLACE IS BECOMING BORING!
LAURA DEAREST, I...
PLEASE, CAL, DON'T BE IMPOSSIBLE! YOU'LL MUSS MY HAIR!
YOU SAID YOU HAD SOMETHING FOR ME?
THIS, DARLING, TO MAKE YOUR BEAUTIFUL ARM STILL MORE LOVELY!
IT'S GORGEOUS!
SWEETHEART, I'M CRAZY ABOUT YOU! MARRY ME, LAURA!
HIS ARMS CRUSHED ME, HIS LIPS BRUISED MINE! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN HE WOULD DO THIS... MEN JUST COULDN'T RESIST KISSING ME...
YOU FOOL! I DON'T WANT OR NEED YOUR LOVE! I'M NOT FOR YOU! GO AND FIND YOURSELF SOME PRETTY LITTLE STENOGRAPHER WHO WILL APPRECIATE YOUR INTENTIONS!
IN MY APARTMENT I LAUGHED AT THE INCIDENT... ONE OF MANY THAT I HAD GONE THROUGH BEFORE...
I SUPPOSE HE'LL PESTER ME BY PHONING AT ALL HOURS, UNTIL HE FINALLY GIVES UP IN DESPAIR... JUST LIKE ALL THE REST! I'LL KEEP THE BRACELET, AS PAYMENT FOR LETTING HIM ESCORT ME FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS!
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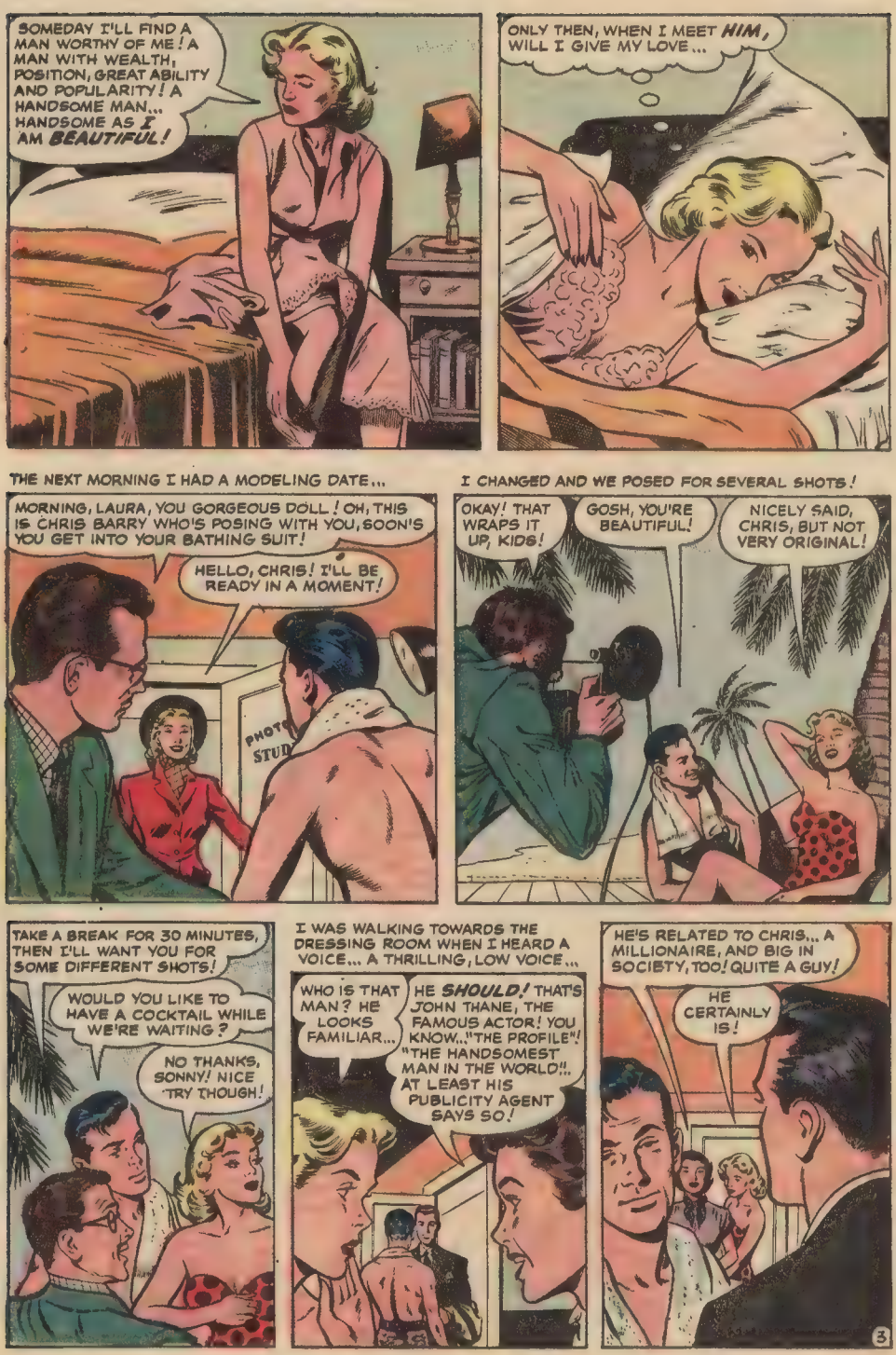
SOMEDAY I'LL FIND A MAN WORTHY OF ME! A MAN WITH WEALTH, POSITION, GREAT ABILITY AND POPULARITY! A HANDSOME MAN... HANDSOME AS I AM BEAUTIFUL!
ONLY THEN, WHEN I MEET HIM, WILL I GIVE MY LOVE...
THE NEXT MORNING I HAD A MODELING DATE...
MORNING, LAURA, YOU GORGEOUS DOLL! OH, THIS IS CHRIS BARRY WHO'S POSING WITH YOU, SOON'S YOU GET INTO YOUR BATHING SUIT!
HELLO, CHRIS! I'LL BE READY IN A MOMENT!
I CHANGED AND WE POSED FOR SEVERAL SHOTS!
OKAY! THAT WRAPS IT UP, KIDS!
GOSH, YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL!
NICELY SAID, CHRIS, BUT NOT VERY ORIGINAL!
TAKE A BREAK FOR 30 MINUTES, THEN I'LL WANT YOU FOR SOME DIFFERENT SHOTS!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A COCKTAIL WHILE WE'RE WAITING?
NO THANKS, SONNY! NICE TRY THOUGH!
I WAS WALKING TOWARDS THE DRESSING ROOM WHEN I HEARD A VOICE... A THRILLING, LOW VOICE...
WHO IS THAT MAN? HE LOOKS FAMILIAR...
HE SHOULD! THAT'S JOHN THANE, THE FAMOUS ACTOR! YOU KNOW..."THE PROFILE"! "THE HANDSOMEST MAN IN THE WORLD"!. AT LEAST HIS PUBLICITY AGENT SAYS SO!
HE'S RELATED TO CHRIS... A MILLIONAIRE, AND BIG IN SOCIETY, TOO! QUITE A GUY!
HE CERTAINLY IS!
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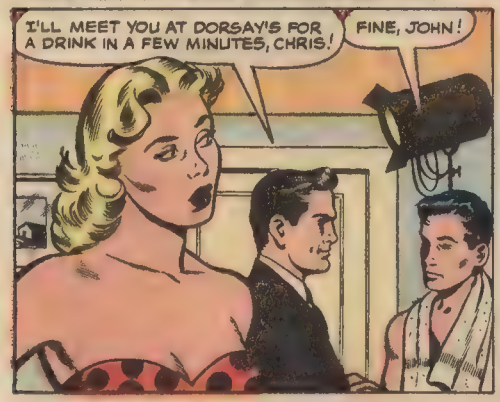
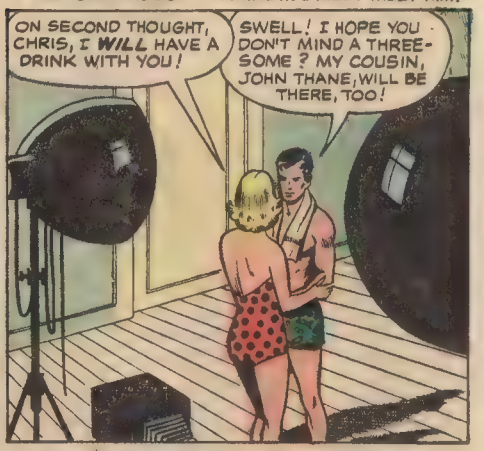
I STOOD THERE, LOOKING AT HIM! HE WAS THE HANDSOMEST MAN I'D EVER SEEN! SOMETHING HAPPENED TO MY HEART IN THAT MOMENT... SOMETHING THAT HAD NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE!

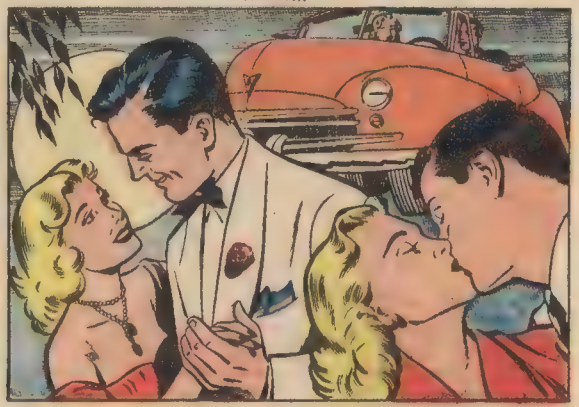


I HAD ONE THOUGHT IN MIND... I MUST MEET HIM!


ON SECOND THOUGHT, CHRIS, I WILL HAVE A DRINK WITH YOU!
SWELL! I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND A THREESOME? MY COUSIN, JOHN THANE, WILL BE THERE, TOO!

THAT'S HOW I MET JOHN THANE... AND HE WAS THE FIRST MAN I'D EVER MET WHO DIDN'T SEEM IMPRESSED BY MY BEAUTY...

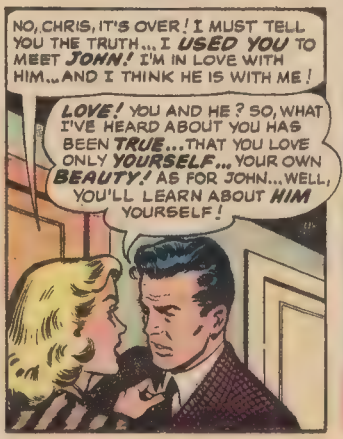
THERE WAS ONLY ONE WAY TO MEET HIM AGAIN, TO DRAW HIS ATTENTION TO ME... THAT WAS TO PLAY UP TO CHRIS! I WENT OUT WITH HIM, LET HIM THINK I WAS FALLING IN LOVE WITH HIM...

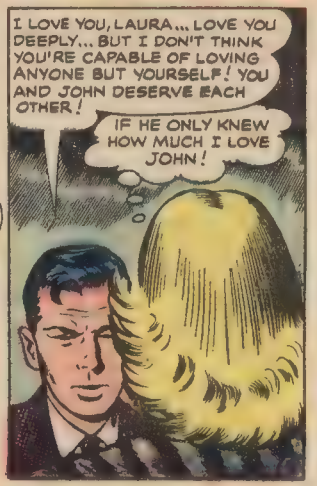


THEN, AT A PARTY CHRIS GAVE, I MET JOHN THANE AGAIN...

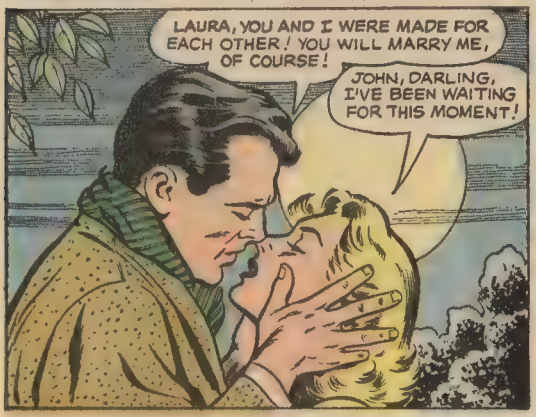
I'VE BEEN HEARING THINGS ABOUT YOU, LAURA! THEY CALL YOU THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL IN THE WORLD! WHAT A WONDERFUL COUPLE WE'D MAKE! SHALL WE HAVE DINNER TOMORROW AND DISCUSS IT?
I'D LOVE TO, JOHN!

THAT NIGHT, WHEN CHRIS DROVE ME HOME...

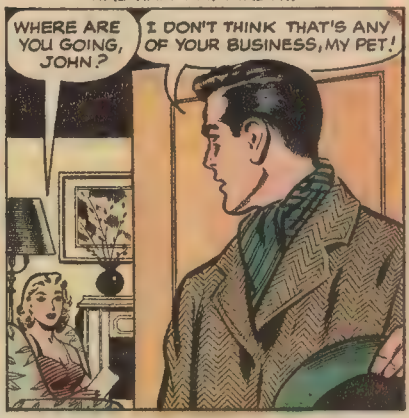

NO, CHRIS, IT'S OVER! I MUST TELL YOU THE TRUTH... I USED YOU TO MEET JOHN! I'M IN LOVE WITH HIM... AND I THINK HE IS WITH ME!
LOVE! YOU AND HE? SO, WHAT I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOU HAS BEEN TRUE... THAT YOU LOVE ONLY YOURSELF... YOUR OWN BEAUTY! AS FOR JOHN... WELL, YOU'LL LEARN ABOUT HIM YOURSELF!

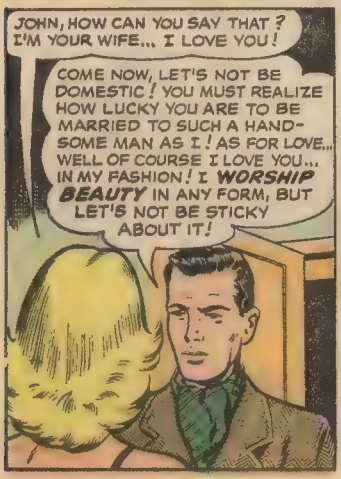

I LOVE YOU, LAURA... LOVE YOU DEEPLY... BUT I DON'T THINK YOU'RE CAPABLE OF LOVING ANYONE BUT YOURSELF! YOU AND JOHN DESERVE EACH OTHER!
IF HE ONLY KNEW HOW MUCH I LOVE JOHN!

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE I WAS REALLY IN LOVE! THE MOMENTS I SPENT WITH JOHN WERE HEAVEN! EACH KISS A CHERISHED MEMORY! THEN ONE NIGHT...

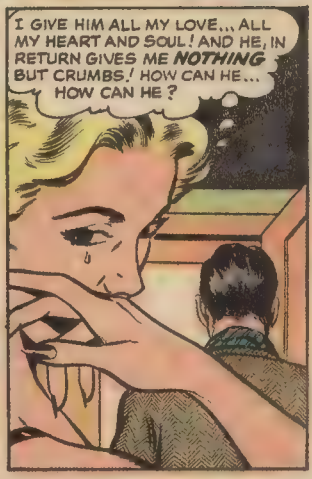


WE WERE MARRIED AND WENT TO LIVE IN JOHN'S MANSION ON THE ISLAND! I WAS HAPPY AT FIRST...

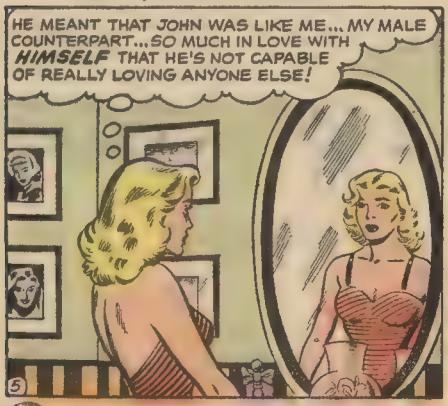



JOHN, HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT? I'M YOUR WIFE... I LOVE YOU!
COME NOW, LET'S NOT BE DOMESTIC! YOU MUST REALIZE HOW LUCKY YOU ARE TO BE MARRIED TO SUCH A HANDSOME MAN AS I! AS FOR LOVE... WELL OF COURSE I LOVE YOU... IN MY FASHION! I WORSHIP BEAUTY IN ANY FORM, BUT LET'S NOT BE STICKY ABOUT IT!

I'VE GIVEN YOU POSITION, MONEY, AND MYSELF... MANY WOMEN HAVE TRIED TO ENSNARE ME! YOU, MY DEAR, WERE THE LUCKY ONE! BE CONTENT WITH WHAT YOU HAVE, BUT PLEASE DON'T IMAGINE YOU OWN ME!
JOHN!



THEN I REMEMBERED WHAT CHRIS HAD SAID... "YOU AND JOHN DESERVE EACH OTHER," AND I KNEW NOW WHAT HE MEANT!


HE MEANT THAT JOHN WAS LIKE ME... MY MALE COUNTERPART... SO MUCH IN LOVE WITH HIMSELF THAT HE'S NOT CAPABLE OF REALLY LOVING ANYONE ELSE!
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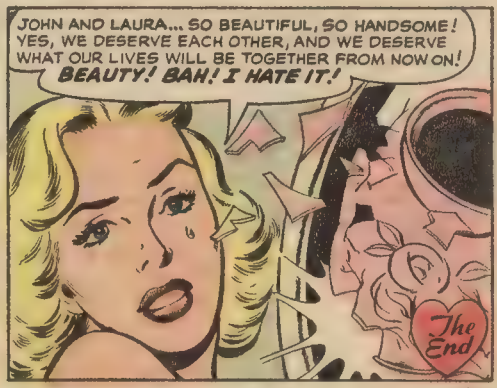
YES, I HAD WEALTH, POSITION, AND A HANDSOME HUSBAND... ALL THAT I HAD DREAMED OF... EXCEPT HAPPINESS AND LOVE! AND I KNEW THAT WITHOUT THEM, ALL ELSE WAS AS NOTHING!


JOHN AND LAURA... SO BEAUTIFUL, SO HANDSOME! YES, WE DESERVE EACH OTHER, AND WE DESERVE WHAT OUR LIVES WILL BE TOGETHER FROM NOW ON!
BEAUTY! BAH! I HATE IT!
The End

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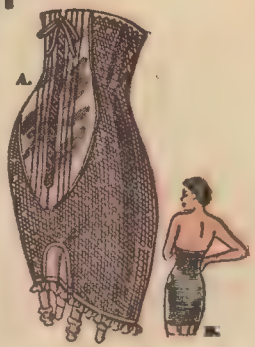

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THERE'S AN OLD SAYING..."THE GRASS IS ALWAYS GREENER ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FENCE!" THIS IS MY STORY, THE STORY OF A GIRL WHO CLIMBED THE FENCE TO...

THE GREENER GRASS

WASN'T IT WONDERFUL? AND THAT MEL CASE...WHAT A SKATER! WHAT A MAN! JACK, DON'T YOU THINK I'M JUST AS GOOD A SKATER AS ANY OF THE GIRLS IN THE CHORUS?
YOU ARE, FERN HONEY... BETTER AND MORE BEAUTIFUL, TOO!
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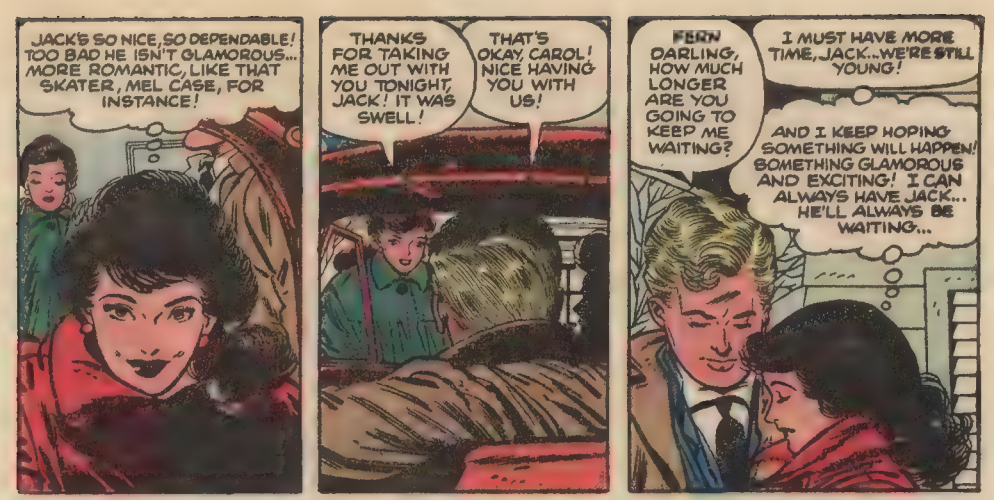
IN JACK'S BOOK, YOU'RE THE TOPS, SIS!
GOOD OLD JACK...ALWAYS STANDING BY, ALWAYS SAYING JUST WHAT I WANT TO HEAR!
THERE'S A SIMPLE EXPLANATION! I'VE LOVED YOU SINCE WE WERE KIDS!


JACK'S SO NICE, SO DEPENDABLE! TOO BAD HE ISN'T GLAMOROUS... MORE ROMANTIC, LIKE THAT SKATER, MEL CASE, FOR INSTANCE!
THANKS FOR TAKING ME OUT WITH YOU TONIGHT, JACK! IT WAS SWELL!
THAT'S OKAY, CAROL! NICE HAVING YOU WITH US!
FERN DARLING, HOW MUCH LONGER ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP ME WAITING?
I MUST HAVE MORE TIME, JACK...WE'RE STILL YOUNG!
AND I KEEP HOPING SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN! SOMETHING GLAMOROUS AND EXCITING! I CAN ALWAYS HAVE JACK... HE'LL ALWAYS BE WAITING...

HE KISSED ME, AS HE ALWAYS DID...A SWEET, NICE KISS! NOTHING EXCITING, NOTHING WONDERFUL, NOTHING TO STIR THE BLOOD...

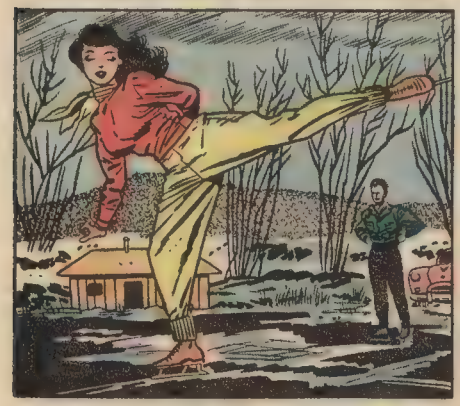
HE LEFT, AND I WENT UP TO THE ROOM I SHARED WITH MY SISTER CAROL...

WASN'T THAT MEL CASE ADORABLE? WHAT A THRILL IT MUST BE TO BE PART OF A BIG ICE SHOW LIKE THAT!
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN CRAZY ABOUT FIGURE SKATING...THAT'S WHY YOU FEEL THAT WAY! BEHIND IT ALL THERE'S NOTHING BUT FALSE GLITTER!

HOW I'D LOVE TO MEET THAT HANDSOME FELLOW, MEL CASE!
ABOUT ONCE EVERY YEAR YOU TAKE UP WITH SOME OTHER FELLOW WHO TURNS OUT TO BE A FLOP, AND YOU ALWAYS COME BACK TO JACK"! WON'T YOU EVER LEARN?

SOMEDAY, PERHAPS I'LL MEET THE RIGHT ONE, WHO'LL BRING ME GLAMOUR, EXCITEMENT, ALL THE THINGS I'VE WANTED FROM LOVE! IF NOT...WELL, JACK WILL ALWAYS BE WAITING FOR ME!
YOU DON'T DESERVE A GRAND GUY LIKE JACK!

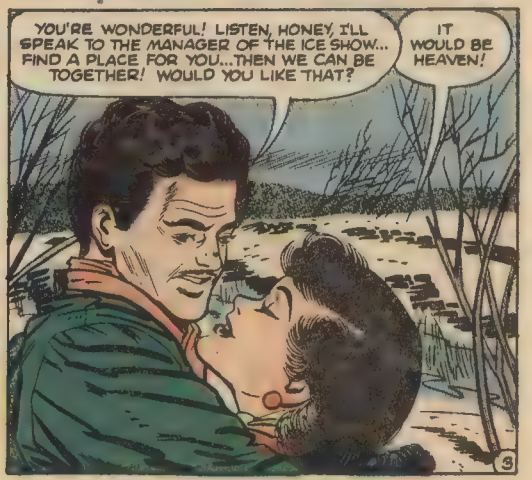
ICE SKATING HAD ALWAYS BEEN MY PASSION..PERHAPS BECAUSE I KNEW I WAS GOOD AT IT! SEVERAL MORNINGS A WEEK I WENT TO A LITTLE POND I KNEW OF AT THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN TO PRACTICE...



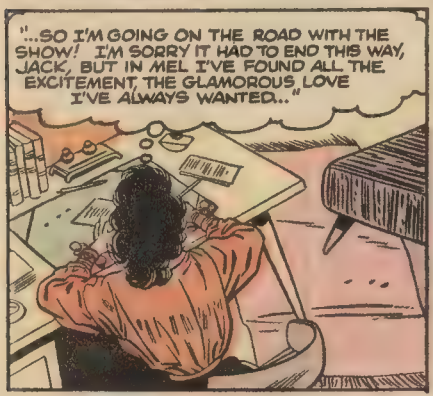
I LIKE TO GET OUTDOORS TO PRACTICE ONCE IN A WHILE INSTEAD OF IN THE ARENA! I QUESTIONED SOME OF THE NATIVES AND FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS POND! I'M WITH THE SHOW!
I KNOW! I SAW YOU LAST NIGHT! YOU WERE WONDERFUL!

WE SKATED FOR AN HOUR! HE WAS SO HANDSOME SO GRACEFUL...MY HEART WAS POUNDING, AND NOT FROM JUST THE EXERTION OF SKATING...

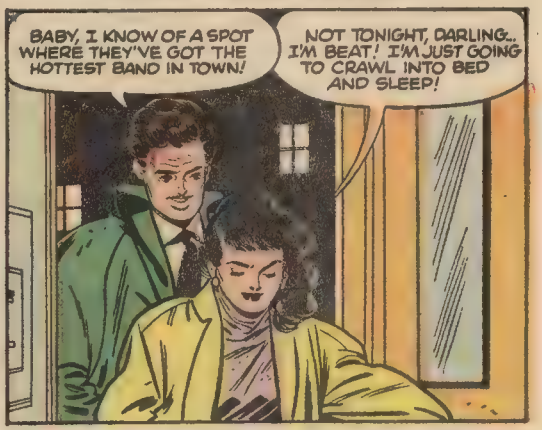
HE SWEPT ME CLOSER, HIS LIPS MEETING MINE, CRUSHING, PASSIONATE! THE WORLD FLED AWAY IN THAT MOMENT AND THERE WAS JUST A MAN AND A WOMAN, OUR LIPS, OUR CLOSE EMBRACE!

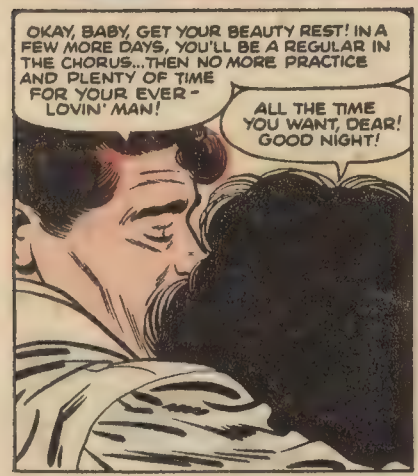

YOU'RE WONDERFUL! LISTEN, HONEY, I'LL SPEAK TO THE MANAGER OF THE ICE SHOW... FIND A PLACE FOR YOU...THEN WE CAN BE TOGETHER! WOULD YOU LIKE THAT?
IT WOULD BE HEAVEN!

AT THE END OF THE WEEK, WHEN THE SHOW WAS DUE TO LEAVE TOWN, I WROTE A NOTE TO JACK! I HAD AVOIDED HIM DURING THE WEEK, THOUGH HE HAD CALLED ME OFTEN! I WANTED TO SPEND EVERY MOMENT I COULD WITH MEL...

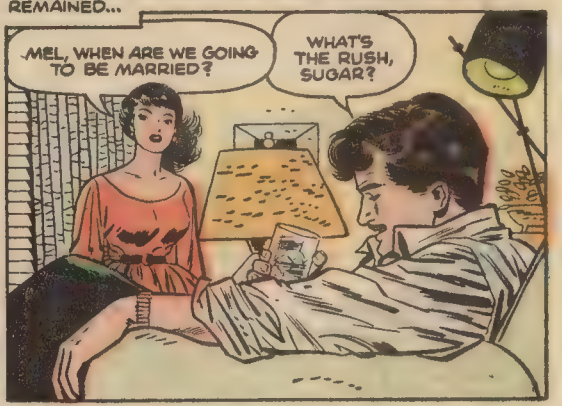

"...SO I'M GOING ON THE ROAD WITH THE SHOW! I'M SORRY IT HAD TO END THIS WAY, JACK, BUT IN MEL I'VE FOUND ALL THE EXCITEMENT, THE GLAMOROUS LOVE I'VE ALWAYS WANTED..."

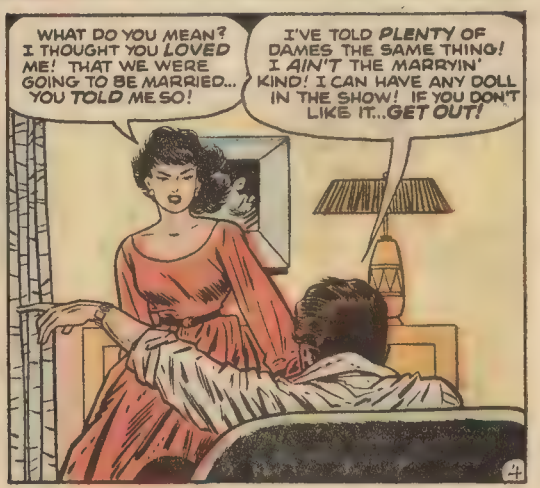
THE FIRST TEN WEEKS WITH THE SHOW WAS A PERIOD OF BREAKING IN! PRACTICE, PRACTICE AND MORE PRACTICE! I WAS DEAD TIRED ALL THE TIME!


BABY, I KNOW OF A SPOT WHERE THEY'VE GOT THE HOTTEST BAND IN TOWN!
NOT TONIGHT, DARLING... I'M BEAT! I'M JUST GOING TO CRAWL INTO BED AND SLEEP!


OKAY, BABY, GET YOUR BEAUTY REST! IN A FEW MORE DAYS, YOU'LL BE A REGULAR IN THE CHORUS...THEN NO MORE PRACTICE AND PLENTY OF TIME FOR YOUR EVER-LOVIN' MAN!
ALL THE TIME YOU WANT, DEAR! GOOD NIGHT!

THE WEEKS BECAME MONTHS...THE SHOW MOVED FROM TOWN TO TOWN! BY THIS TIME THE GLAMOUR HAD DISAPPEARED! I SAW BEHIND THE SPARKLE TO THE TAWDRY TINSEL OF THE SHOW! ONLY THE HARD WORK, THE TRAVELING, AND MEL, REMAINED...




WHAT DO YOU MEAN? I THOUGHT YOU LOVED ME! THAT WE WERE GOING TO BE MARRIED... YOU TOLD ME SO!
I'VE TOLD PLENTY OF DAMES THE SAME THING! I AIN'T THE MARRYIN' KIND! I CAN HAVE ANY DOLL IN THE SHOW! IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT...GET OUT!

I SAW HIM AS HE REALLY WAS THEN! THE LIQUOR BETRAYED HIM... WASHED AWAY THE VENEER OF CHARM...LEFT A CHEAPLY HANDSOME WOMAN-CHASER, WHO HAD TRIED TO ADD ANOTHER NAME TO HIS LIST OF CONQUESTS...

WHY, YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A *CHEAP TRAMP* ON SKATES!

KA-K!

I RAN TO MY ROOM, PACKED QUICKLY! I WAS GOING HOME WHERE I BELONGED...WHERE REAL LOVE AND PEACE LIVED, WITHOUT MAKE-BELIEVE OR CHEAPNESS!

I NEVER KNEW HOW WONDERFUL JACK WAS UNTIL NOW! NOW I KNOW HOW MUCH OUR LIFE TOGETHER WILL MEAN! THANK GOODNESS THERE'S ONE THING I CAN *COUNT ON*...JACK WILL BE WAITING TO FORGIVE AND FORGET, AS HE ALWAYS HAS!

THE TRAIN TOOK ME HOME! I SAW JACK'S HAT ON THE TABLE IN THE HALL...

JACK! JACK! YOU'RE HERE!

I'M HOME TO STAY!

HELLO, FERN! I'M AFRAID YOU'VE COME HOME A BIT TOO LATE *THIS* TIME!

YOU...YOU MEAN...YOU AND CAROL? BUT YOU'VE JUST GONE TO HER ON THE REBOUND! DON'T YOU *UNDERSTAND*... I'M *BACK*... *FOR GOOD!* I WANT TO MARRY YOU!

I'M AFRAID IT'S YOU WHO DOESN'T UNDERSTAND! I'VE LOVED JACK ALL MY LIFE... AND HE FOUND OUT HE LOVED ME *BEFORE* YOU LEFT WITH THE ICE SHOW!

I CALLED YOU THE WEEK BEFORE YOU LEFT BUT YOU WEREN'T IN TO ME! I FOUND OUT CAROL WAS THE GIRL I *THOUGHT YOU* WERE ALL THOSE YEARS! CAROL AND I WERE *MARRIED LAST WEEK!*

THE GRASS HAD LOOKED *GREENER* ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FENCE BUT I FOUND OUT IT WAS ONLY AN ILLUSION! AND WHEN I'D RETURNED TO MY SIDE, THE GRASS HAD DIED, AND ALL THE PEACE, CONTENTMENT AND LOVE I FINALLY WANTED GAVE PLACE TO WINTER IN MY HEART!

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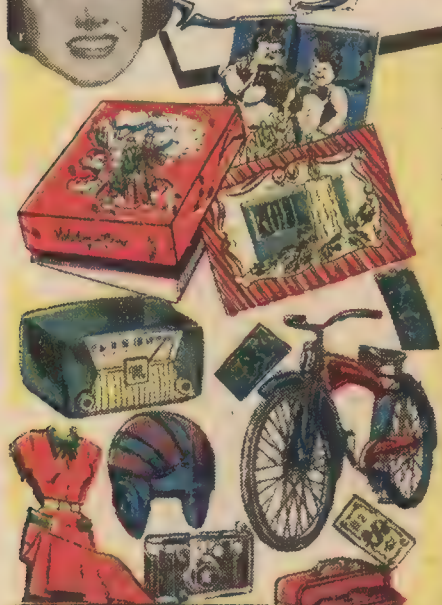

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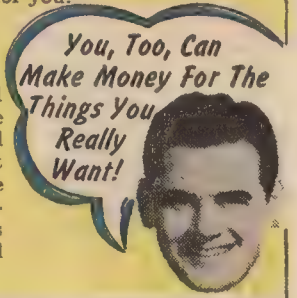

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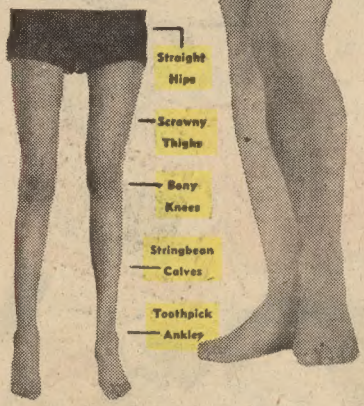

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Stop being self-conscious about your scrawny, bony legs! Men are always attracted by shapely appealing legs. Skinny legs rob the rest of your figure of attractiveness! Give yourself a chance to look good in the latest fashions of higher skirts, bathing suits, shorts, etc. Now at last you too can try to help yourself improve underdeveloped legs due to normal causes, as many women have by following this new scientific method. You should do something about filling out any part of your legs you wish . . . such as adding graceful lines to toothpick ankles . . . alluring curves to stringbean calves . . . feminine appeal to bony knees . . . bewitching contour to scrawny thighs . . . seductive roundness to straight unfeminine hips . . . or your legs all over!

Clothes Look Unattractive With Skinny Legs

On skinny, shapeless legs, hose haven't any appeal . . . all dresses, suits look drab . . . even expensive shoes look too large and awkward. This legs make your entire appearance unsraceful.

Clothes Look Glamorous With Shapely Legs

Whether sitting or standing, shapely legs are the foundation of feminine loveliness. Sheer hose, all shoes, dresses, skirts, look and fit their best over well formed hips, thighs, knees, calves, ankles.

Tested and Proven Method Requires Only 15 Minutes A Day!

Well known authority on legs with years of experience offers you this tested and proven scientific course—only fifteen minutes a day—in the privacy of your home! Contains step-by-step illustrations of the easy SCIENTIFIC LEG DEVELOPMENT TECHNIQUE with simple instructions for underdeveloped hips, thighs, knees, calves, ankles, gaining stronger legs, improving skin tone and circulation of legs; normal causes of skinny legs, plus leg measurement chart of each section of leg according to height and weight, also how leg development may improve general health. In many cases, doctors advise using this scientific technique for normally weak and skinny legs.

From the Very First Day You Feel Exhilarating Effects!

Read How This Technique Helped Others!

One young lady, aged 24, whose legs were so thin that she could hardly find stockings to fit her. After using this method, her hips and legs were so beautifully developed that she became a model. Another woman, Mrs. W. L., of Tubbock, Texas, writes " . . . so thankful . . . I am being helped so very much."

Written About in Health Culture Magazine

Health Culture asked this well known authority on legs to write a series of articles on the fundamentals of this method. This magazine believed their readers should learn about this wonderful technique. Many other leading magazines and newspapers have written about the priceless advantages of correct leg development.

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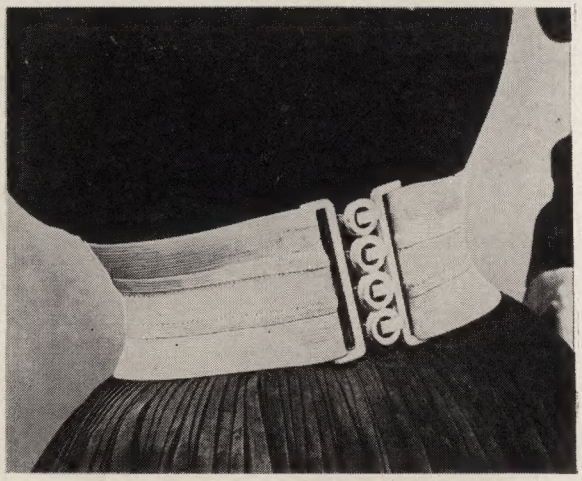

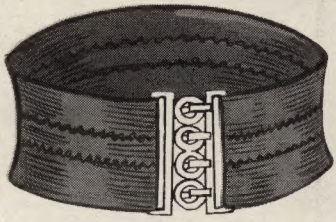

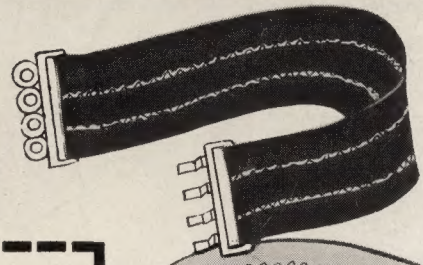

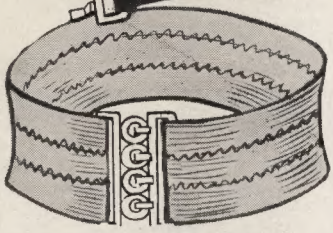

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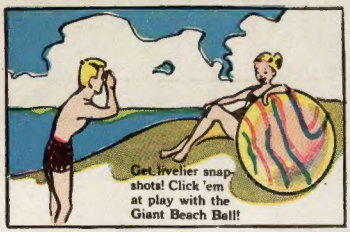

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